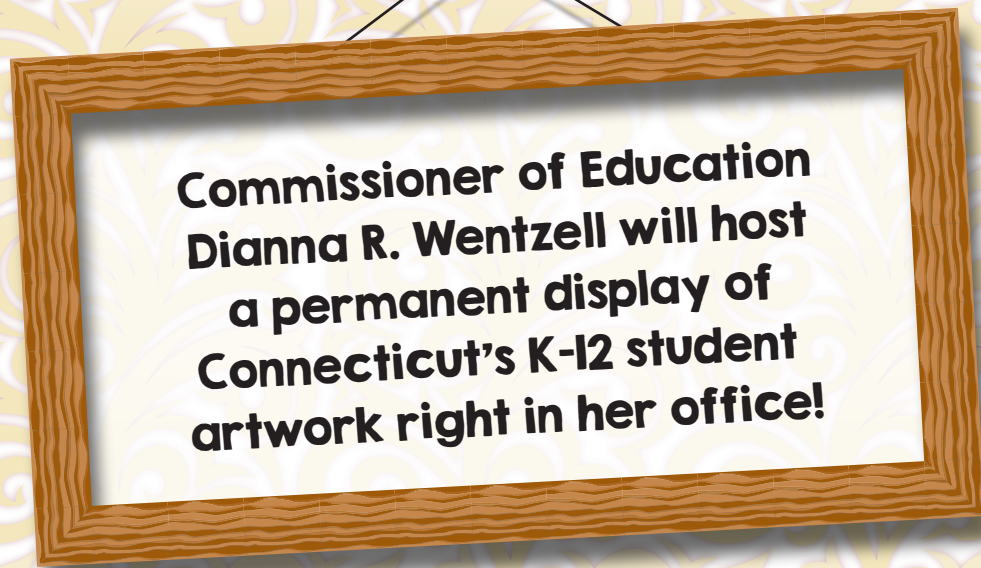




COMMISSIONER'S ART CONTEST



THEME:

What does **CREATIVITY** mean to you?

Students are invited to submit their 2D interpretation of "what creativity means." This could be a personal interpretation or a representation of creativity within your community, school, or culture. Students can use a literal or abstract interpretation of the theme in creating their piece.

ELIGIBILITY:

**All K-12 students are eligible to enter.
Students must attend Connecticut public schools or magnet schools.**

SUBMISSION OF ARTWORK:

All submissions must be received by October 14, 2015 to be eligible.

Entry instructions, submission guidelines, selection process,
and winner information on next page.



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How to Enter:

- Save your digital file in .jpg format as "[last name]_[school]_[grade].jpg" and send to Jackie Coleman at jacqueline.coleman@ct.gov. Type "Commissioner's Office Art Submission" in the subject line.
- E-mail must include the title of the work, medium, student's name, grade, school, district, and a paragraph describing how the piece relates to the theme.
- Submissions must be received by **October 14, 2015** to be eligible.

Submission Guidelines:

- Artwork must measure between 11" x 14" and 30" x 40" to be accepted.
- Submissions should be high-quality, color digital images or scans of physical artwork.
- Any 2D media that can fit in a standard flat frame will be considered (no canvas). This includes paintings, drawings, collages, prints, digital illustration, and photography.
- One entry per student.
- Submissions can include original work created for the contest, or pre-existing artwork that may have won awards elsewhere.
- Artwork may have been created in or outside of school, art classes, etc.
- Any artwork depicting copyrighted images will be rejected.
- All artwork must be an original idea created entirely by the student.

Selection Process:

- A selection committee will review digital submissions and determine a group of finalists for Commissioner Wentzell to choose from.
- Submissions will be judged on interpretation of theme, technical skill, and originality.
- 5–8 student pieces will be selected from a range of grades and districts.
- All submissions will be displayed on the Connecticut Core Arts web page.

Winners:

- Students will be notified by e-mail if their artwork is chosen for the exhibit and given instructions for delivery.
- Winners must be able to deliver their original artwork to the Connecticut State Department of Education in either the Hartford or Middletown office.
- Artwork will be matted and framed before being displayed.
- Students whose artwork is selected for the gallery will be invited to an art opening in Commissioner Wentzell's office and receive an official certificate of recognition.
- A follow-up story will be written about winning students and their districts for the monthly arts newsletter sent out to state arts teachers and administrators.
- This is a permanent installation. **Winners will not get their work back.**